

## MONEY ROTHSCHILD & CO. GAVE TO FLOOD FUND IN OWN NAME TAKEN FROM EMPLOYEES

For the sake of the soul of President Davis of Rothschild & Co., who has been known to act like a human being, we hope that Davis had no knowledge of how Rothschild & Co. gave \$500 to the Dayton flood relief fund.

The giving of the \$500 was duly recorded by all the trust newspapers as a sample of the exceeding generosity and kindness of heart of the management of Rothschild & Co.

And Rothschild & Co. actually did hand over the \$500 to the Association of Commerce for the Dayton flood sufferers.

And the money was used for the Dayton flood sufferers, and doubtless did great good.

But Rothschild & Co. collected that \$500 forcibly from their three-dollar-a-week-and-up employees.

Rothschild & Company did not collect the money from their employees before giving the \$500 to the Association of Commerce.

They gave the money to the Association of Commerce first, received the thanks of the Association of Commerce, accepted the glory attached to their philanthropy, and then went to work to get the money back from their underpaid employees.

They did not ask their employees to contribute the money. They forced them to do it.

Without asking the permission of their waitresses, they collected 50 cents from every waitress employed in the store.

Then they made all their other employees contribute "what they were able."

The employees, of course, were not "able" to contribute anything—not on the wages Rothschild & Co. pay them—but they knew that they had to give the money or lose their jobs.

So they all—all, that is, except the high salaried employees; high salaried employees are necessary to the firm and cannot be bullied into things like that, while three dollar a week girls with whom the market is overstocked can—contributed to reimburse Rothschild & Co.

Some of them contributed 50 cents, like the waitresses; others, more timid souls, contributed larger

amounts. One girl we know of emptied her purse into the greedy hands of the collectors.

There was just eighty cents in the purse—but it was all the girl had, and pay day still was several days distant!

We are not trying to say that these underpaid employees of Rothschild & Co. contributed to the injured Rothschild pocket grudgingly.

They did not do so.

God knows they did not. They did not know the meanness of the trick that was being played upon them.

They did not know that Rothschild & Co. were accepting the glory for their poor little mites.

They only were told that the money was needed for the Dayton sufferers.

And they were glad to give of the little they had—and starve for a day or two to make up for it.

There were some, of course, whose own situation was so pitiful that they should have been as much the object of relief as the Dayton sufferers.

They, perhaps, underfed and underclothed, scarcely knowing how they were going to last out the week, would not have given the money they did if they had not been forced.

But they were forced, and they